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Dear Chairman Powell:

This letter is to lend my support to the consideration of Qwest's application to enter the long distance market in Colorado. Qwest has gone to great lengths to keep my office informed as to their move toward 271 compliance and I believe their efforts deserve consideration.

Colorado residents enjoy a highly competitive telecommunications market and have benefited from the promises of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Colorado Public Utilities Commission has worked for several years to ensure that Qwest complied with all of the requirements of the Act prior to their recommendation this week.

The approval of Verizon in New York and SBC in Texas have demonstrated that consumers and small businesses benefit with increased choice even when an incumbent local exchange carrier is allowed to enter the long distance market.

Thank you for giving this application due consideration. For more information contact Dan Kopelman at 202-225-7882 in my office.

Sincerely,

Tom Tancredo
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Member of Congress

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